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VIRGINIA 1/4.

I was delighted to receive your preliminary draft of the Virginia
Copperage matter. I realize you have done a lot of thinking about how
to improve the subject. I have some preliminary suggestions which
you can use or not use. They are not criticisms, only an attempt to
create more simplification and clarity. I am trying to avoid
checking variety detail as my sight is not as accurate as it was
and I am relying on you and your team to do that.

In the forward, line 2, use "neglected" not "ignored".

You must be more accurate in citing the citations of my prior work.

In the FOREWORD PP 2 l. 3, the word "question" is too negative. I suggest
using "wonder". Reword by putting "die variety" after wrote and eliminate
"by the variety"

Do not use W/O P any more for several reasons. Capital letters are
used for the reverse varieties so use lower case letters for this
type of abbreviation. Simplify the abbreviation to w/p for "with period"
and n/p for no period. Do this everywhere

Eliminate all references to machinists' rule. There are excellent
plastic calipers available such as Kynmars which measures to .001 inches
and is of very modest cost.

The measurements can be improved by using decimals instead of fractions
of an inch. Perhaps 0.75, 0.85, 1.05, etc.

Explain that the word "period" is used instead of the former
numismatic term "stop".

On the first page of the variety listing the A in "After" should be lower case.
Obvise 15 heading W/L P. This is an unnecessary abbreviation as
you describe it above and it confuses the other abbreviations.
On sheet with obverse 20 the P is another unnecessary abbreviation.

First page of reverses - change the word "hobby" to "Variety". -

Capitalize Obvise or say "Combined with Obvise"
On the Checklist of Die Varieties the abbreviation W/O P 6 Rarity is
confusing. Use n/p (space) 6s (big space) Rarity. The small
s is for strings

Put a large hyphen between all die combinations such as 1-A as
being adjacent may be confusing.

Use "Die Combinations of Virginia Halfpence" on last page, not Typetable

I hope to get to my file soon to see what new matter
I have accumulated, but did not want to delay this response.
Please send me a revision adding whatever others suggest.

Keep at it and strive for perfection and clarity.

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